

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No 2196**  
Hiroto TOMITA et al. : **Mail Stop: PCT**  
Serial No. 10/582,611 : Attorney Docket No. 2006\_0422A  
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VARIABLE-LENGTH-CODE DECODING :  
DEVICE  
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**REPLY TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS**  
**UNDER 35 USC 371**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the PTO Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 USC 371 dated September 9, 2008, submitted herewith is a Declaration for the above application executed by the inventors.

Also enclosed is the PTO surcharge of **\$130.00** required by 37 CFR 1.492(h).

It is respectfully submitted that the application is now complete, and early indication thereof is now requested.

*The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or to credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 23-0975, with the EXCEPTION of deficiencies in fees for multiple dependent claims in new applications.*

Respectfully submitted,

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